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1. EMBASSY KNOWS OF ONE OFFICIAL DETENTION CENTER - THE NATIONAL STADIUM - IN SANTIAGO AREA WHERE FOREIGN PRISONERS HELD. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE HEARD OF FIVE OTHER SUB-CENTERS WHERE DETAINEES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TEMPORARILY UNDER DETENTION. EXCEPT FOR MILITARY ACADEMY, WHERE HIGH-LEVEL CHILEAN POLITICAL FIGURES APPARENTLY ARE HELD, DETAINEES ARE NOT KEPT LONG AT THESE SUB-CENTERS. LATTER ARE MILITARY ACADEMY, TACNA REGIMENT, AVIATION SCHOOL, CARABINEROS NCO SCHOOL, AND THE ESTADIO CHILE. THE LAST OF THESE IS A SPORTS ARENA (OFTEN USED FOR BASKETBALL) WHICH WAS USED AS DETENTION SUB-CENTER FOR FIRST WEEK OF ARESTS ONLY. WHEN CONSUL VISITED IT ON SEPT 22, HE FOUND IT COMPLETELY EMPTY AND WAS ADVISED BY CARETAKER THAT IT HAD BEEN CLOSED AS DETENTION SUB-CENTER APPROXIMATELY SEPT 16 AND ALL PRISONERS TAKEN TO NATIONAL STADIUM. THERE WAS SIGN TO THIS EFFECT POSTED ON GATE TOO.

2. CANADIAN EMBASSY REPORTS ITS AMBASSADOR DID NOT RPT NOT PERSONALLY GAIN ACCESS TO ANY OF THESE PLACES. APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO, CANADIAN CONSUL WAS ABLE TO SEE ONE OF SEVERAL CANADIAN DETAINEES - SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS NOT HAD ANY SIMILAR SUCCESS.

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3. EXCEPT FOR HIGH-LEVEL CHILEANS MENTIONED PARA 1, NATIONAL STADIUM IS ONLY DETENTION CENTER IN SANTIAGO AREA KNOWN TO EMBASSY, ACKNOWLEDGED BY CHILEAN AUTHORITIES, OR REPORTED BY OTHER EMBASSIES.

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